

### REMARKS

In the last Office Action, claims 1, 3, 4, 19, 20 and 22-30 were allowed and claims 11, 13-16 and 18 were held withdrawn from further consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. Applicant was required to cancel the non-elected claims. The drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) as not showing the falling direction of molecules of a liquid crystal in the vertical orientation film, the falling direction being prescribed in parallel with a phase advancing axis or a phase delaying axis of an optical anisotropy of the first flexible polymeric substrate, as recited in the claims. Prosecution on the merits was otherwise closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle.

Applicant requests reconsideration of his application as set forth below.

### Claims 11, 13-16 and 18

Claims 11, 13-16 and 18 were withdrawn from further consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1, from which claims 11, 13-16 and 18 depend, is generic to Species A and B identified by the Examiner in the December 10, 2004 Office Action. Since generic independent claim 1 (Species A and B) has been allowed, applicant respectfully requests

withdrawal of the restriction requirement corresponding to claims 11, 13-16 and 18 (Species B) and examination of claims 11, 13-16 and 18 on the merits.

**Objection to Drawings Under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a)**

The drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) as not showing the falling direction of molecules of a liquid crystal in the vertical orientation film, the falling direction being prescribed in parallel with a phase advancing axis or a phase delaying axis of an optical anisotropy of the first flexible polymeric substrate, as recited in the claims. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the objection.

Independent claim 1 recites a fifth step of prescribing a falling direction of molecules of a liquid crystal having a negative dielectric anisotropy in the vertical orientation film, the falling direction being prescribed in parallel with a phase advancing axis or a phase delaying axis of an optical anisotropy of the first flexible polymeric substrate. Independent claims 23 and 26 recite similar steps relating to the flexible polymeric substrate (claim 23) and the first and second flexible polymeric substrates (claim 26).

Applicant respectfully submits that the features in the foregoing steps recited in independent claims 1, 23 and 26 are illustrated in Fig. 1 with reference to the written description in the specification.

More specifically, with reference to Fig. 1, page 9, lines 8-15 of the specification describe that a flowing direction of the polymeric substrate 1 (i.e., a phase advancing axis or a phase delaying axis of the optical anisotropy of the polymeric substrate) is prescribed in "parallel" to the rubbing or falling direction of the vertical film 3 (i.e., the orientation direction of the liquid crystal molecule 8 on the surface of the polymeric substrate). With reference to Fig. 1, the specification describes on page 15, lines 15-19 with more specificity the optical anisotropy on the phase advancing axis and the phase delaying axis (i.e., the optical anisotropy in longitudinal and transversal directions of the polymeric substrate).

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) be withdrawn.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and passage  
of the application to issue are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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